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Evanston Board Meetings

are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

All community members are welcome and encouraged to contribute.



Fast Fingers

On October 21, 1918, Margaret Owen put her fingers to the test and set a world record for typing. Owen impressively typed 170 words in one minute! To make her achievement even more impressive, she set the record on a manual typewriter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving from the ECCA. The collage in this month's newsletter shows some of the activities we held during the busy summer. They could not have happened without all the volunteers and for that we give our sincere thanks. Activities included: Community Garden, Litter Program and Walking Club, Community Cleanup, Community Barbecue, Park beautification and the wet July we had!

Wine Tasting – Thursday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Wine Tasting is here! Bring your friends and family, although keep the little ones at home. This is an 18+ event. Tickets are \$60 for ECCA Members and \$80 for non-members and are available by contacting board@eccacalgary.com.

Holiday Mingle and Silent Auction – Sunday, November 30, 6:00 pm

This family-friendly event returns at a new location – Boston Pizza Creekside. We are looking for donations for the silent auction so please contact memberships@eccacalgary.com to help. Tickets for this all-you-can-eat mingle are available now by contacting board@eccacalgary.com: \$45 for ECCA members, \$55 for non-members, and \$5 per child under 12.

ECCA Membership Rewards Program

We have 19 businesses who are a part of the ECCA Membership Rewards Program. Discounts at these businesses are available for all ECCA members who show proof of membership. For the current list of discounts, visit www.eccacalgary.com.

Any household can become an ECCA member at www.eccacalgary.com/register. This will pay for itself in two or three visits. Tell your friends, neighbours, and family to become a member – even if they live afar. There are lots of savings with this program and there is more to come.

Community FYI – Evanston and Creekside signs

Signage and flora in Evanston were the responsibility of the developer(s).

The 'Evanston' and 'Creekside' signs (and flowerbeds) that you see along Symons Valley Parkway at Evanston View and Evanspark Boulevard are the responsibility of the homeowner who borders those structures. When, not if, those signs fall into disrepair, it is up to

the homeowner to repair and replace. It is essentially private property despite what appears to be a public sign/flowerbed. If the homeowner chooses not to fix or upkeep (which can cost in upwards of tens of thousands of dollars), there is nothing anyone else can do including the City and community association.

If you decide to go paint or replace letters on the signs (even on a charitable basis), the homeowner could charge you with trespassing. This sounds very odd, but it is a quirk of City of Calgary communities. Also, the homeowner can take down that sign entirely or they could paint it a different colour, much to the likely dismay of many, but within their right and nobody else's.

Adding new flora or new signs in and around Evanston today faces two notable hurdles: (1) location – City land, as it stands, will not permit these due to infrastructure already in place plus there are safety concerns such as sightlines for vehicles and minimum requirements for intersections and sidewalks; and (2) the significant cost for signs and flora. Whilst we appreciate that residents would like to see more signs at entrances into Evanston, we hope you can understand the challenges to do so.

Want To Volunteer?

Add your name to the volunteer list at <https://www.eccacalgary.com/volunteer>. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to help! If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact president@eccacalgary.com. Our Board is eleven-strong, all volunteers and all live in Evanston.



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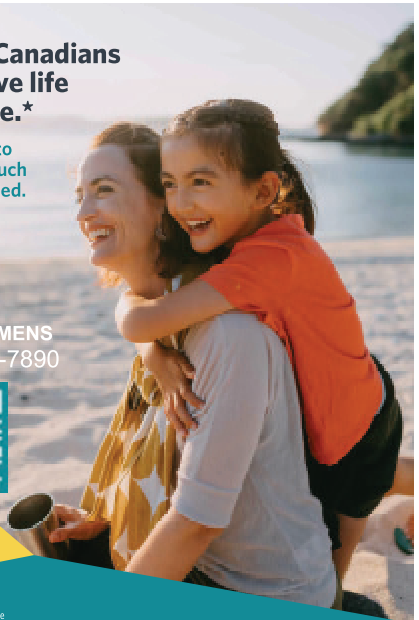
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Small Acts, Big Impact: How 4-H Builds Community Spirit

by Lori Nielsen, Manager, 4-H Intro Clubs

When you think about preparing kids for the future, what skills come to mind? Public speaking? Teamwork? Maybe learning to cook or manage money? At 4-H, all of those matter—but so does something bigger: the value of giving back.



Community service has always been a cornerstone of 4-H. Members don't just build skills for themselves; they learn how their actions can make a difference for others. Research from 4-H Canada shows that youth in 4-H are nearly three times more likely to volunteer in their communities compared

to the average Canadian teen. That sense of connection and responsibility is something families notice long after the program ends.

Here in Calgary, 4-H Intro Clubs give kids ages nine to 15 a chance to experience this first-hand through short, six-week programs. Alongside science projects, food experiments, and leadership games, every club includes a service activity—something as simple as making cards for seniors or helping with a local cleanup. The goal is to show that community spirit isn't about age, money, or time—it's about taking small steps that add up.

Try This at Home: Community Service in Ten Minutes

Here's a quick family activity you can try tonight:

1. Grab some paper, markers, and envelopes.
2. Have each family member write a short "thank you" note to someone in your community—maybe a teacher, neighbour, or coach.
3. Deliver the notes together on a family walk.



It's a simple way to remind kids that kindness counts—and that even small gestures can brighten someone's day.

If your family is looking for more, Calgary's Intro Clubs are starting again mid-November with both a daytime club for homeschoolers and an evening club for busy families. These programs meet once a week for six weeks and let kids explore hands-on projects, teamwork, and leadership—without needing a farm or animals. It's an easy way to discover what 4-H is really about: life skills, friendships, and confidence that lasts.

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The Birth of Ballet

On October 15, 1581, Catherine de' Medici, the Queen Mother of France, commissioned "Ballet Comique de la Reine" in Paris. The performance depicted the myth of Circe from Homer's *Odyssey* and is believed to be the first true ballet, combining music, dance, plot, and staging.



Halloween Safety

by Alberta Health Services



As a member of Calgary's Child Magazine Partners for Safety initiative, AHS EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return

home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

The Art of Finding Work: Job Seekers: Be Clear on Your “Secret Sauce”

by Nick Kossovan

Most job seekers present themselves to employers as a jack of all trades, master of none, when they should be presenting a unique set of skills.

You think you're talented.

Everyone you're up against thinks they're talented.

What makes you special?

When you apply for a job, possessing the necessary skills and qualifications is not enough. You need to find ways to differentiate yourself; otherwise, you will blend in with the other job seekers you're competing against.

The key to differentiating yourself and rising above all the noise so you're seen and heard rather than ignored lies in your “secret sauce”—the unique skills, experiences, and attributes that make you one-of-a-kind. Thus, you become what most job seekers aren't: memorable.

Asking Yourself the Following Questions Will Help You Define Your Secret Sauce:

In My Current or Previous Positions, What Were My Favourite Tasks?

For the most part, we enjoy activities we're good at (e.g., working with numbers, designing costumes, conducting research, organizing events, writing blogs). Our inherent strengths and aptitudes create a natural talent for the activity, thereby making it enjoyable since you're not fighting who you are.

List everything, work-related and non-work-related, you enjoy doing.

What Feedback Have I Received from Colleagues or Supervisors Regarding My Work?

Reflect on your career journey. Think of all the positive and negative feedback you received, whether in formal performance reviews or an offhand manner, regarding your work or something you did.

- “I enjoy sitting in on your presentations.”
- “You have a knack for listening.”
- “The way you motivate your team is impressive.”

What Problems Have I Successfully Solved in Previous Positions?

Every position exists to solve a problem. For instance, accountants are hired to monitor a company's incoming revenue and outgoing expenses and oversee its compliance with local tax laws.

What problems have you solved for your employers? Increased website traffic? Decreased spending? Increased customer satisfaction? Decreased safety violations? Increased sales? (employers' favourite).

What Unique Experiences or Backgrounds Do I Have That Contribute to My Skill Set?

A candidate who grew up in Québec City will have a competitive edge being fluently bilingual over someone who simply attended French immersion in Calgary, Alberta. The same could be said for a candidate whose mother was a social worker, making them more attuned to the needs of others, or their father who was a pharmaceutical representative, thus exposing them to human dynamics that influence.

Everyone has a unique story of how their place of birth and experiences, especially first experiences, developed their strengths and passions. Explaining to an employer that your enjoyment of and passion for providing customer service comes from having spent your weekends and summers working the front desk at your family's 85-room hotel in Estevan, Saskatchewan, has much more impact than simply saying, “I like helping people.”

What Skills Have I Gained Through Hobbies or Volunteer Work?

I once hired a call centre agent who volunteered at a local suicide prevention hotline for several years. And a candidate who coached a little league baseball team turned out to be one of the best first-time managers I ever hired.

Don't ignore the skills and experience you've acquired outside your employment or education. Skills, experience, and knowledge aren't just acquired at work or school. The skills and experience you gain from volunteering, starting/running a business, being a parent, playing in a sports league, or serving on your condo board can be valuable to employers.

If the above questions don't solicit as many skills as you'd like, seek the opinions of family members, friends,



and colleagues. Ask them what they think your key strengths are. Their insights may surprise you.

Once you've identified your hard and soft skills—your soft skills (e.g., communication, critical thinking, time management) are the most important to employers—you need to communicate your unique skills as selling points. Merely listing your “skills” and “qualifications” doesn't distinguish you from other applicants. You must describe who you are and what you offer in a straightforward, memorable narrative conveying your unique value proposition.

Not memorable: “I speak French.”

Memorable: “I was born in Québec City. French is my mother tongue.”

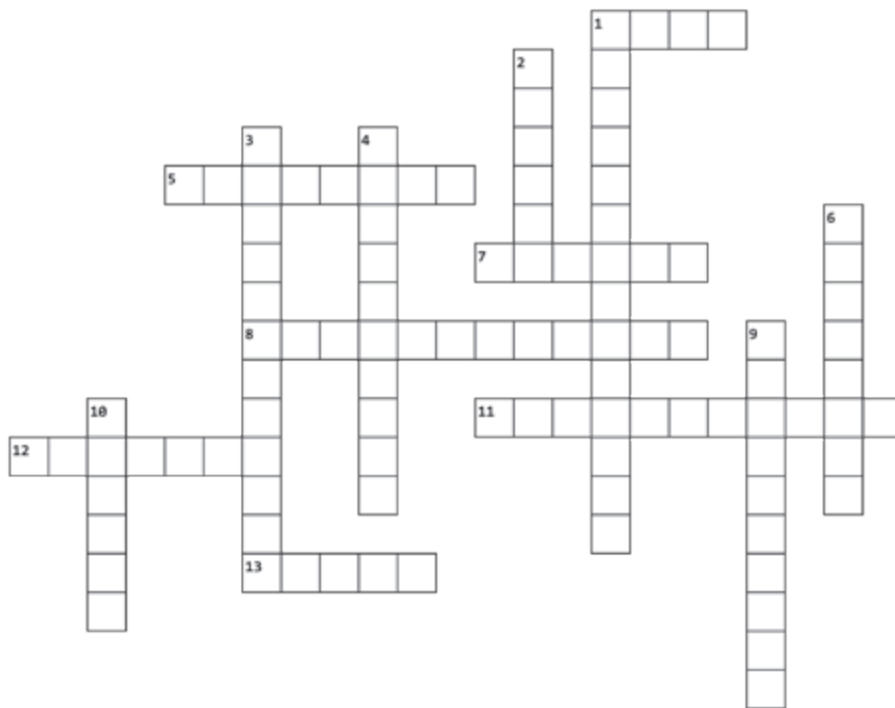
Additionally, frame your skills and qualifications in terms of how they can benefit an employer.

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Value add: “During my seven years as a financial analyst at Wayne Enterprises, I developed above-average analytical skills that enabled the company to take advantage of several initial public offerings that turned out to be quite lucrative. One recommended buy resulted in a \$7.5 million gain within less than a year.”

Based on my experience, most candidates fail to emphasize their uniqueness; hence, they don't stick in my head. Given the number of candidates I've interviewed throughout my career, one would think I'd have heard many inspiring, funny, entertaining, and sad career and life stories. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Job seekers need to work on being mentally sticky. In a competitive job market filled with qualified candidates, articulating your secret sauce will ultimately set you apart.

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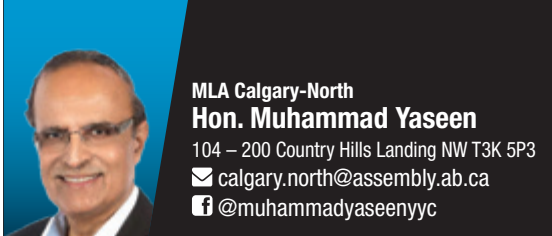
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1. This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical debuted on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre in October 1982.
5. On October 5 World _____' Day is celebrated to honour those who educate us.
7. Queen Elizabeth II officially opened this iconic Opera House on October 20, 1973.
8. Canadians celebrate this holiday on the second Monday of October.
11. The vibrant hues of autumn leaves are due to a lack of what pigment.
12. This iconic single by John Lennon was released on October 11, 1971, in the United States.
13. On October 8, 2004, Wangari Maathai was awarded the _____ Peace Prize, making her the first African woman ever to receive the award.

Down

1. The Orient Express departed on its first journey from Paris on October 4, 1883, to this city now known as Istanbul.
2. Stock markets crashed worldwide on October 19, 1987, and became known as Black _____.
3. NHL star Glenn Hall, nicknamed Mr. Goalie, was born on October 3, 1981, in Humboldt, _____.
4. Canadian filmmaker James Cameron released the sci-fi action hit, *The _____* in October 1984.
6. This beloved Canadian Ryan was born on October 23, 1976, in Vancouver, B.C.
9. The dystopian novel where books are banned and burned, _____ 451 by Ray Bradbury, was published on October 19, 1953.
10. The "Thrilla in _____" on October 1, 1975, saw Muhammad Ali beat Joe Frazier after 14 rounds.



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Happy Thanksgiving!

Let's take a moment to appreciate our health, homes, and give thanks and love to those who provide us with unconditional support throughout our everyday lives.

- A new bursary program, launched in partnership with NorQuest College and supported by over \$3.3 million from the Canada-Alberta Early Learning Agreement, will help up to 300 current and aspiring early childhood educators earn their certificate at approved Alberta institutions.
- Alberta is investing \$4 million in 29 agencies to support 31 projects that tackle the root causes of family violence. These initiatives promote prevention and healthy relationships through education, sports, mentorship, support groups, and service connections.
- To support Alberta's exploration of nuclear energy as a solution for increasing electricity needs, Minister Neudorf will visit the United Kingdom to participate in the World Nuclear Symposium in London. During the event, he will engage with representatives from regions with established nuclear sectors and showcase Alberta's energy industry to key stakeholders and potential partners.
- Alberta invested over \$9 million to renovate a government-owned facility for the Calgary Recovery Community, part of a broader initiative to build 11 recovery communities across the province with nearly \$350 million in capital funding.

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